

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 259, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S14425–S14576

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2357–2375, and S. Res. 383–384. **Page S14488**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2008”. (S. Rept. No. 110–230)

Report to accompany S. 1642, to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. (S. Rept. No. 110–231)

S. Res. 366, designating November 2007 as “National Methamphetamine Awareness Month”, to increase awareness of methamphetamine abuse.

S. Res. 367, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the mass movement for Soviet Jewish freedom and the 20th anniversary of the Freedom Sunday rally for Soviet Jewry on the National Mall.

S. 1970, to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2272, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service known as the Southpark Station in Alexandria, Louisiana, as the John “Marty” Thiels Southpark Station, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007. **Page S14487**

Measures Passed:

Adjournment Resolution: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 259, providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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Higher Education Act Technical Corrections: Senate passed S. 2371, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections. **Pages S14567–68**

Emancipation Hall: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. 1679, to provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall, and the bill was then passed. **Page S14568**

Identity Theft Enforcement and Restitution Act: Senate passed S. 2168, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enable increased federal prosecution of identity theft crimes and to allow for restitution to victims of identity theft, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S14568–72**

National Adoption Day and Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 384, expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. **Pages S14572–73**

Measures Considered:

Farm Bill Extension Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S14435–45**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 3500, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S14435**

Reid (for Dorgan/Grassley) Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increased funding for certain programs. **Page S14435**

Reid Amendment No. 3509 (to Amendment No. 3508), to change the enactment date. **Page S14435**

Reid Amendment No. 3510 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3500), to change the enactment date. **Page S14435**

Reid Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3510), to change the enactment date. **Page S14435**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3512. **Page S14435**

Reid Amendment No. 3512 (to the instructions of the motion to commit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions), to change the enactment date. **Page S14435**

Reid Amendment No. 3513 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to change the enactment date. **Page S14435**

Reid Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3513), to change the enactment date. **Page S14435**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Friday, November 16, 2007, that if cloture is not invoked on the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4156 (see below), Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Harkin Amendment No. 3500 (listed above); provided further, that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be delayed to occur, if needed, upon the adoption of the Harkin Amendment No. 3500; that there be one hour for debate prior to the first vote be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; that Senator Harkin be recognized for up to 10 minutes of the time of the majority; provided further, that the last 10 minutes be reserved for the two Leaders with the Majority Leader controlling the last 5 minutes; and that there be 2 minutes for debate before the 2nd and 3rd votes. **Page S14465**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Members have until 9 a.m., on November 16, 2007, to file any germane second-degree amendments. **Page S14574**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2340, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. **Pages S14445–74**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of November 15, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, November 16, 2007. **Pages S14445, S14465–74**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S14474**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4156, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. **Pages S14474–76**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, November 15, 2007, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, November 16, 2007, if cloture is not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2340, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations (listed above). **Pages S14474–76, S14574**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S14474**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

A routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Pages S14568, S14576**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Craig W. Duehring, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Neel T. Kashkari, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Thomas C. Carper, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Nancy A. Naples, of New York, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Denver Stutler, Jr., of Florida, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Eric M. Thorson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

Ana M. Guevara, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Goli Ameri, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

Tracy Ralph Justesen, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

Nathan J. Hochman, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Grace C. Becker, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

James B. Peake, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Gene E.K. Pratter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Lincoln D. Almond, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Mark S. Davis, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

David Gregory Kays, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

David J. Novak, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Carolyn P. Short, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Richard T. Morrison, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Joseph P. Russoniello, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California for the term of four years.

Diane J. Humetewa, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

Rebecca A. Gregory, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Gregory A. Brower, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Edmund A. Booth, Jr., of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Michael G. McGinn, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Reed Verne Hillman, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

William Joseph Hawe, of Washington, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. Routine lists in the Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, which was sent to the Senate on September 7, 2007, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Measures Read the First Time:

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Additional Statements: **Pages S14480–85**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S14500–66**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S14567**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:58 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Friday, November 16, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14574.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Appropriations: On November 2, 2007, Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: Senators Kohl (Chairman), Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, Nelson (NE), Reed, Bennett, Cochran, Specter, Bond, McConnell, Craig, and Brownback.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies: Senators Mikulski (Chairman), Inouye, Leahy, Kohl, Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Reed, Lautenberg, Shelby, Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Brownback, and Alexander.

Subcommittee on Defense: Senators Inouye (Chairman), Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, and Hutchison.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development: Senators Dorgan (Chairman), Byrd, Murray, Feinstein, Johnson, Landrieu, Inouye, Reed, Lautenberg, Domenici, Cochran, McConnell, Bennett, Craig, Bond, Hutchison, and Allard.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: Senators Durbin (Chairman), Murray, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Nelson (NE), Brownback, Bond, Shelby, and Allard.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security: Senators Byrd (Chairman), Inouye, Leahy, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Landrieu, Lautenberg, Nelson (NE), Cochran, Gregg,